

# **EXHIBIT 29**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE \*  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, \*  
SPRING VALLEY BRANCH, JULIO \*  
CLERVEAUX, CHEVON DOS REIS; ERIC \*  
GOODWIN; JOSE VITELIO GREGORIO; \*  
DOROTHY MILLER; HILLARY MOREAU; \*  
and WASHINGTON SANCHEZ \*

INDEX NO:  
17-CV-8943

PLAINTIFFS, \*

vs \*

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL \*  
DISTRICT and MARYELLEN ELIA, In \*  
Her Capacity as the Commissioner \*  
of Education of the State of New \*  
York, \*

DEFENDANTS. \*

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of RABBI YEHUDA OSHRY  
Montebello, New York  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Reported by:

Mary Agnes Drury, RPR, NYACR, CLR

JOB NO. 151980

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2 MS. MATYSTIK: Jennifer Matystik, 03:10  
3 also of Latham & Watkins, on behalf of 03:10  
4 plaintiff. 03:10

5 MR. LYNCH: Dennis Lynch for the 03:10  
6 non-party witness. 03:10

7 MR. BUTLER: David Butler for the 03:10  
8 defendants. 03:10

9 VIDEOGRAPHER: At this time would 03:10  
10 the court reporter please swear or affirm 03:10  
11 both the witness and the interpreter and we 03:10  
12 may proceed. 03:10

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14 L A W R E N C E G I L L I G,  
15 called as an interpreter, having been duly  
16 affirmed by the Notary Public to interpret  
17 the proceedings from Yiddish to English  
18 and English to Yiddish; interpreted  
19 as follows:

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21 R A B B I Y E H U D A O S H R Y,  
22 called as a witness, having been duly  
23 affirmed by a Notary Public, was examined  
24 and testified as follows: 03:11

25 MR. LYNCH: If I may. We did have 03:11

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2 the school and the house of worship? 03:26

3 A. No, it's the same. 03:26

4 Q. Would it be appropriate to refer to 03:26  
5 Shaar Ephraim as Yeshiva? 03:26

6 A. Yes. 03:26

7 Q. And you said that you run Shaar 03:26  
8 Ephraim, what does that mean? 03:26

9 A. I am a part of it and I run it. 03:26

10 Q. Does that mean -- the concept I'm 03:26  
11 familiar with is a principal of an elementary 03:26  
12 school or I suppose that runs the school, are 03:26  
13 you the principal of Shaar Ephraim? 03:26

14 A. No, I'm not the principal. 03:26

15 Q. Do you have an official position at 03:26  
16 Shaar Ephraim? 03:27

17 A. Yeah. I would be the if you want to 03:27  
18 call it the administrative, administrator of 03:27  
19 the school. 03:27

20 Q. Would you be the head master of the 03:27  
21 school? 03:27

22 A. Yes. 03:27

23 Q. Is Shaar Ephraim a private school? 03:27

24 A. Yes. 03:27

25 Q. And are the students at Shaar 03:27

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2 somebody came and asked me, is he not Jewish 03:34  
3 and he wants to come into the school, I would 03:34  
4 take him or not. Yes. That wouldn't come up 03:34  
5 in my term of being in the school so I can't 03:34  
6 give you the answer of what would happen at 03:34  
7 such a time. 03:34

8 Q. So understanding there is no 03:34  
9 requirement to be white, my question is: Of 03:34  
10 the student body, are all of the students that 03:34  
11 currently attend that Yeshiva white? 03:34

12 A. I would say most, but again I told 03:34  
13 them like I told them, there are certain 03:34  
14 children from different countries and they come 03:34  
15 not the color white, we accept them not being 03:34  
16 the color white. 03:34

17 Q. Are there any black students that 03:34  
18 attend Shaar Ephraim? 03:34

19 A. There was -- there is Utopian Jewish 03:34  
20 people, there's Cayman Jewish people -- Yemen. 03:34

21 THE INTERPRETER: Yemen.

22 THE WITNESS: Yemen. Thank you.

23 You see, that's the way you'd do it.

24 Sorry, I said a Jewish word, you 03:34  
25 see, that's why we need you today. 03:35

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2 And they are in all white and they 03:35

3 are accepted. 03:35

4 BY MR. MANGAS: 03:35

5 Q. If you walk through the hallways, 03:35

6 are you seeing any students who appear 03:35

7 non-white, like, black skin? 03:35

8 A. We don't want them to walk in the 03:35

9 hallways. We keep them in the classrooms or in 03:35

10 the big room in the synagogue, that's the way 03:35

11 we want them to grow up. 03:35

12 The boys wouldn't know in the 03:35

13 hallways, we usually try to explain that's not 03:35

14 the proper place to be in. 03:35

15 Q. That seems like a fair rule. 03:35

16 So if you went into the classrooms, 03:35

17 would you see any children with black skin? 03:35

18 A. In certain times, yes. I don't -- I 03:35

19 can't say -- very low in number. And then at 03:35

20 certain times, yes, you would see that. 03:35

21 Q. And what times would those be? 03:35

22 A. It's not every year. It could be a 03:35

23 year that they are here, and it could be a year 03:35

24 that I don't have none of them, and it could be 03:35

25 a year that's a minimum number. 03:36

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2 So it's -- the percentage is a very 03:36  
3 low percentage. 03:36

4 Q. Okay. And then I'll ask the same 03:36  
5 question about Latino students; are there 03:36  
6 Latino students that attend Shaar Ephraim? 03:36

7 INTERPRETER: Spanish. 03:36

8 THE WITNESS: Jewish? Because we 03:36  
9 have Spanish boys from Brazil that are 03:36  
10 Jewish, but they're Latinos, so if that's 03:36  
11 what's called Spanish, right? 03:36

12 INTERPRETER: What do you mean by 03:36  
13 Latinos? 03:36

14 BY MR. MANGAS:

15 Q. So I'm asking about ethnically 03:36  
16 Latino; so, born in countries like South 03:36  
17 America.

18 A. Yes. 03:36

19 Q. Mexico. 03:36

20 A. South America. Mexico, not that I 03:36  
21 can remember, but South America, yes. 03:36

22 Q. And about how many of those students 03:36  
23 attend Shaar Ephraim? 03:36

24 A. It depends. If they're bright 03:36  
25 students and they've been accepted at there, we 03:37

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2 BY MR. MANGAS: 04:58

3 Q. Do the candidates that you've spoken 04:58  
4 with in past school board elections, do those 04:58  
5 candidates typically run together as -- I'm 04:58  
6 going to use the word "slate." 04:58

7 Let me ask this question first: If 04:58  
8 I use the word "slate" do you understand what I 04:58  
9 meant? 04:58

10 A. Yeah, take my kids slating. 04:58

11 Q. I am not using the word "sled," I'm 04:58  
12 using the word "slate." 04:58

13 (Interpreter is interpreting.) 04:58

14 THE WITNESS: No. 04:58

15 Q. Do the candidates that you've spoken 04:58  
16 with in the elections in 2018, 2017, or 2016, 04:58  
17 have you understood that those candidates are 04:59  
18 running together with other candidates? 04:59

19 A. I didn't -- it didn't come into my 04:59  
20 mind in a row three, that's why I didn't 04:59  
21 recall. Again, to tell you if there was the 04:59  
22 same or not in the same, that wasn't my -- it 04:59  
23 could have been four people come to me and say, 04:59  
24 I would support them all. 04:59

25 As long as they are good people, I 04:59



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2 don't care if it's eight, if they can run 04:59

3 eight, let them run as much as they could. 04:59

4 To me, it doesn't make a difference 04:59

5 of how much they run or if they run, as long as 04:59

6 they are good people, I would tell them, you're 04:59

7 accepted. 04:59

8 Q. Are you familiar with the fact that 04:59

9 each candidate for school board is required to 04:59

10 submit a nominating petition to become eligible 05:00

11 for election? 05:00

12 (Interpreter is interpreting.) 05:00

13 THE WITNESS: Petitions. Yeah, 05:00

14 yeah. Do I know of everybody has to give 05:00

15 it? Yes. 05:00

16 Q. Have you been involved in the past 05:00

17 elections in helping gather signatures for the 05:00

18 nominating petitions? 05:00

19 A. The answer is no. 05:00

20 Q. Have you in the past elections 05:00

21 submitted nominating petitions on behalf of 05:00

22 candidates? 05:00

23 A. Yes. 05:00

24 Q. What candidates have you submitted 05:00

25 nominating petitions on behalf of? 05:00

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2 A. I don't recall. 05:00

3 Q. I'm going to pull out the quiz' 05:00  
4 sheet again and ask you some names and you'll 05:00  
5 let me know if you recall. 05:00

6 So I'll start in 2018. 05:01

7 Did you submit a nominating petition 05:01  
8 on behalf of Joel Trieger? 05:01

9 A. Let me tell you, I don't know, and 05:01  
10 let me tell you what it is. They used to -- I 05:01  
11 was the one to bring it in. I don't know in 05:01  
12 what -- 05:01

13 (Witness is speaking with 05:01  
14 interpreter.) 05:01

15 INTERPRETER: On me, I was the 05:01  
16 person that was appointed to bring it in, I 05:01  
17 brought it in. 05:01

18 THE WITNESS: So I didn't know 05:01  
19 anything of that. I was -- this was my 05:01  
20 typical honor, I used to bring it in. This 05:01  
21 was my -- I didn't do anything in it, but I 05:01  
22 was the man who came in and brought it in 05:01  
23 for all those years. I can't say all, but 05:01  
24 most of those years, bring it in. 05:01

25 BY MR. MANGAS: 05:01

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK )

) ss.:

COUNTY OF ONONDAGA )

I, Mary Agnes Drury, a Notary Public  
within and for the State of New York, do  
hereby certify:

That RABBI YEHUDA OSHRY, the witness  
whose deposition is hereinbefore set forth,  
was duly sworn by me and that such  
deposition is a true record of the  
testimony given by such witness.

I further certify that I am not  
related to any of the parties to this  
action by blood or marriage; and that I am  
in no way interested in the outcome of this  
matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 8th day of December, 2018.



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Mary Agnes Drury

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